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## Teen Tour Date Set for April 12

April 12 will be a big day in the lives of over 400 high school girls, members of 4-H clubs from all counties in the state, 23 from Franklin county. This annual event again will be in Boston with headquarters at the Sherry Biltmore hotel.

This is a career day when the girls visit various places of business, schools and hospitals, endeavoring to gain an insight into various careers sought by women. Some of the places these girls will visit are: Children's Medical Center, Emerson College, New England Medical Center, Peter Bent Brigham hospital, Katharine Gibbs, United Airlines, Air Age, Massachusetts School of Art, Boston Conservatory of Music, Boston Edison, Christian Science Monitor, John Hancock, Simmons College and Boston University.

The girls pay most of their expenses, which include transportation, lunch and subway to various places they will visit. The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, Inc., will cooperate in this event.

Twenty-three Franklin county girls will be making the two-day trip to Boston, leaving Franklin county courthouse at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, and returning April 12 about 8:30 p.m. The group will travel by car to Boston, stay over Thursday night at a hotel and then take part in the Teen Tour on Friday, visiting schools, businesses, hospitals and other agencies with the express purpose of learning more about career opportunities for girls.

Each girl making the trip takes care of her own expenses. Parents and leaders who supply their cars and act as chaperones will receive part of their expenses from the Franklin County 4-H Tri-S club. Anyone interested in making this trip should contact the Extension Service.

## Northfield Grange To Confer Degrees

The Northfield Grange will meet next Tuesday evening, April 9, when the first and second degrees will be conferred. The regular officers will work the first degree and a men's degree team in charge of Past Master Lewis Shine will do the second degree. The Grange will be inspected by State Grange Deputy Albert Miles of Southampton.

A supper will precede the meeting at 7 o'clock in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hammond.

## Fortnightly Group To View Pictures Taken in Travels

The Fortnightly will meet on Friday afternoon for the annual meeting of the club at the Alexander Hall. Following the election there will be piano music by Mrs. Robert Barnes, and Mrs. Samuel Bishop will show pictures taken on her travels abroad. Two special guests for the afternoon will be Mrs. Kirk L. Alexander of Orange, president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. George W. Bain of Amherst, director of the 15th district.

Tea will be served by Mrs. Henry B. Prescott, Mrs. Frederick H. Briesmaster, Mrs. Harold Carroll and Mrs. John M. Dyer.

Any members who have books or magazines to contribute to the Veterans' hospital should bring them to the meeting, but if unable to do so, call Mrs. William H. Hawley, chairman of the Community Service committee, and she will plan to collect them.

## Permits Must Be Issued For All Grass Fires, Chief Warns Residents

About nine acres of woodland was burned over by a runaway fire off the Gulf Road at Pratt's Hollow on Saturday afternoon. At 3:25 Saturday afternoon 18 men were called out. It was a difficult fire to handle because of the wooded area which could be penetrated only by jeeps, but the blaze was declared out by 9:30 that evening. The fire department announces:

If residents have grassland that they would like to have burned department. Call the fire chief, over, it will be burned by the fire Gardner Hudson, if you wish to take advantage of this service.

Chief Hudson wishes to emphasize that folks should not call the fire phone number, 521, to get a permit to build a fire. "521" calls out the department in case of fire and rings in homes in various parts of the town.

To obtain a permit to build an outdoor fire, call Howard Williams, forest fire warden, tel. 961, and a permit is required for any kind of an outdoor fire.

## Father and Son Banquet April 10

An occasion looked forward to each year is the Father and Son night at the Brotherhood of the Northfield Congregational church. This event is to be celebrated on Wednesday, April 10. The supper will be served at 6:30. Then there will follow the annual election of officers and the showing of three short exciting and thrilling motion pictures: "Challenge on the Lake," "Showman Shooter" and "Look to the Sea."

Men wanting to "borrow" a son for that evening may contact Donald McColester, president of the Brotherhood, or Mr. Reeves.

## Athletic Assn. In Membership Drive

The Northfield Athletic Assn. will have its annual membership drive from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, April 6. Members of the Little League and Pony League will sell the cards (\$1.00 apiece) in a house-to-house canvass. Committee members Mif Atwood, Frank Turner, Jr., and Bob Johnson met at the latter's home Sunday afternoon to complete final arrangements for the drive.

Transportation will be provided by members of the town team and others interested in the organization.

The boy selling the most memberships will receive a baseball bat of his choice. The next four contestants each will receive a new baseball.

Proceeds from the drive will be used to provide equipment and uniforms for the season. Plan to be home Saturday morning and support Northfield's leading sport.

## Cub Scouts Set For Flying Kites

On Saturday of this week there is to be a kite-flying contest in the lot on Bernam Road south of the golf course. The participants will be Cub Scouts and their fathers, or mothers may substitute, and they will fly kites which they have made themselves.

If the weather is good, this should be an interesting afternoon event beginning at 2 o'clock. Prizes will be awarded to the most successful kite-flyers—or could we say "kiter's"?

Although only Cub Scouts may fly kites all who would enjoy it may watch the fun.



Lining up for lunch at the high school cafeteria.

## ART EXHIBIT IS PLANNED AT ATHOL

Douglas A. Jones, art instructor at the Northfield School for Girls, has arranged for an exhibition of paintings at the First National bank in Athol, through this month of April. Among the paintings on exhibit are a group of paintings by students at the school and paintings by students in an adult class held by him last fall. Among those with pictures in the exhibit are Tevlin Poneck, Frank Rockwell, Dorothy Persons and Dorothy L. Miller. Folks are welcome to see the exhibit during the hours that the bank is open.

## Public Card Party At Bernardston

The Bernardston Grange is sponsoring a public card party at their Grange Hall and a public dance at the Bernardston town hall on Saturday evening of this week.

The annual district No. 2 Easter dance at the Veterans' hospital in Leeds will be held Friday evening, April 5. Any young women who would like to go and assist in taking part at the dance may call Mrs. Pearl Allen or Mrs. Lura Stone.

## Boy Scout Hike To Be This Saturday

Thirty-three Boy Scouts with Donald McColester and Winthrop Sanderson as leaders, and several den mothers and Cub Scouts as visitors, met Monday evening. The boys worked on the calisthenics program which will be their feature at the May Boy Scout jambo-ree, also on first class, second class and tenderfoot requirements. Each patrol planned an afternoon nature hike for Saturday, when each boy will locate and bring back specimens of 10 deciduous trees which they can identify. Next week they will study compass work and practice pacing.

## PTA Meets Monday

The Northfield Parent Teacher association will meet Monday evening, April 8, at 8 o'clock at the Alexander Hall. The guest speaker will be George Billings of the Greenfield fire department who has been instrumental in getting folks in the county interested in "baby sitting" courses. He will speak on that plan. High school girls are invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served by seventh grade mothers.

## Regional High School Names Brian Overdorff To Faculty

## American Legion Plans Party Here For John Randall

John Randall is home again! and now Northfield men have been to every part of the world. He arrived home last Thursday and has since been busy greeting friends and telling of his life and experiences with Operation Deep Freeze I at McCurdo Sound, Antarctic, during the 16 months he has spent there as navy construction mechanic third class.

The American Legion will hold a welcome home party for him at the Alexander hall next Tuesday evening, April 9, at 8 o'clock, and all who would like to hear of his experiences and see pictures he has brought home with him are invited to attend.

## WCTU Collects Funds For Dalton Memorial

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met with Mrs. Gertrude Whitney, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Arthur J. Green presided and Mrs. Grace Cornell led the devotions. Mrs. Green, acting treasurer, gave a financial statement and reported on the various bills affecting gambling, horse racing and the sale of intoxicating beverages, now before the state and national legislatures. Some of these measures if favorably acted upon, would legalize "beano" games, increase the number of days of horse racing and permit the selling of liquor on airplanes. Folks were urged to write to their representatives in regard to these subjects.

A collection was taken for the Mary E. Dalton memorial fund. Mrs. Lula Carey assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

## Girl Scout Notes

At the meeting of the younger Girl Scout group on Monday afternoon there were 20 present and Mrs. Johnson taught new songs for the play day later this month. The requirements for the sewing badge must be completed by next week. Gretchen Hammond and Paula Smith brought refreshments. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Walbridge were leaders.

Carol Lombard, Troop Scribe

The Pioneer Valley Regional high school committee has named another member of the faculty of the new school to open in September. Brian Lee Overdorff of Amherst has been chosen vocational-agriculture instructor. He has taught one year in that capacity at New Salem academy. He is a graduate with a B.A. degree from American International college in Springfield and has a degree in animal husbandry from the University of Massachusetts. He is an air force veteran and is married.

The committee has also organized for the coming important year's work with a re-election of officers: Wendell Streeter, Bernardston, chairman; Albert H. Stoddard, Warwick, vice-chairman; Howard King, Bernardston, treasurer; F. Sumner Turner, Northfield, secretary and superintendent of the school. The other committee members are: Irving J. Lawrence, William Hawley, Robert P. Barnes, all of Northfield; Ellis Franklin, Bernardston; Mrs. Anna Wilcox, Bernardston; Mrs. Emily Benoit, Norman Durkee, Warwick.

## 103rd Birthday Marked

Franklin county's oldest resident, Mrs. Juliette Newton of Bernardston, observed her 103rd birthday on Monday.

Mrs. Newton is up and around every day, enjoying the radio, her flowers and visits from many friends at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Franklin, with whom she makes her home.

Mrs. Newton has 41 living descendants: three children, Mrs. A. H. Ball of Greenfield, Henry Newton of Bald Mt. Rd., Bernardston, and Mrs. Franklin; 10 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

## Unitarian Layman Club Elects New Officers

The Unitarian Layman's League-Men's club met Tuesday evening and held their annual meeting following a fish chowder supper. Officers elected for the coming year are: Francis Reed, president; Ray Knapp, vice president; Clarence Spaulding, secretary-treasurer.

The group voted to contribute \$20 to the United Unitarian appeal.

Next month the group will have a potluck supper to which the ladies will be invited.



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## Credit... Yesterday and Today

The evils of a credit system such as seems to prevail to an unusual extent in Northfield are not only recognizable by every one who will stop a moment to think, but they are painfully manifest to the victim of the system when because of his inability to collect what is rightfully his, he is unable to meet his own obligations. We regret to say it but this community has many examples of those who could easily pay as they go, but prefer to go and then pay if sufficiently persuaded that paying is necessary.

This may be the result of thoughtlessness but

"Evil is wrought  
Through want of thought  
As well as want of heart."

If it is thoughtlessness it is without excuse. If it is deliberately adopted it is contemptible and criminal. We have the opinion of several of our leading business men and they are agreed that nothing could possibly be adopted along business lines that would be so mutually beneficial to this community as a cash system of buying and selling. There are circumstances of course, when a reasonable credit should be given, but why should any man with the money in his pocket habitually ask for credit? Why should the merchant, the tradesman, the seamstress, the laborer, the huckster or the printer be compelled to borrow money and pay interest on it simply because those owing him go on day after day and month after month indifferent to what ought to be their first and chiefest duty? It may be that our views are somewhat radical. It may be that we are touching some raw spots. Be that as it may it would be well for us at least to discuss this matter. The columns of the Press are open for communication on the subject.

(Editor's Note: The above editorial, reprinted from The Northfield Press of Friday, April 7, 1911, seems as pertinent today as 46 years ago. The language may be slightly flowery, but the sentiment is still heartily subscribed to by the small merchant of 1957—particularly in these days of the income tax, the corporation tax, the withholding tax, the tax on taxes, and the threat of a sales tax.)

### NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

PAUL BUBAR, Pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Young People.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service  
Dial a Prayer any time of day or night, Northfield 2101.

Hinspiration is broadcast Monday through Friday at 10:15 over WHAI.

The Hour of Power is Friday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The a capella choir from the Providence Barrington Bible college will sing at the town hall Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m..

### CROSTOWN

By Roland Coe



"Would you please repeat that part between 'Dear sirs,' and 'Sincerely yours'?"

## Church Notes

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

REV. EVERETT B. MORRE, Minister  
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m.—Junior worship.  
11:45 a.m.—Sunday School.  
6:30 p.m.—Loyal Workers.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

The sermon subject for the morning worship service will be "Benediction," and for the evening service, the sermon subject will be "Parable of the Passion." The State Line Men's Fellowship will meet at the church Saturday, April 6, at 5:45 p.m. to go to North Springfield, Vt. They plan to have supper en route. Monday, April 8, the Men's Fellowship will meet at the church at 8 p.m. preceded by a supper. John Randall who has just returned from the South Pole will be the speaker. There will be a prayer meeting Thursday, April 11, at 7:45.

### GOSPEL SERVICES NO. 3 COMMUNITY

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
12:00 m.—Sunday School.  
6:15 p.m.—Young People.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

William Powell, leader of the Gospel team from the Gordon college, Beverly Farms, Mass., will have charge of the morning worship service. Bill Marcy will be the leader for the Young People Sunday at 6:15 p.m. Rev. Arthur Greene will be guest speaker at Sunday evening service at 7:30. Monday evening, April 8, there will be a cottage prayer meeting at the Homer Browning, Sr., home at 7:30. At 3 o'clock Friday, April 5, there will be a choir rehearsal followed by Sing and Bring club at 3:30. Rev. Arthur Greene will be the guest speaker at the prayer and Bible Study Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Homer Browning, Sr., home. On Saturday at 10:05 to 10:30 Sing and Bring club time will be broadcast over WHAI.

### ST. PATRICK'S

REV. HENRY MCKEON, Pastor  
REV. ANTHONY RZASSA, Curate

8:30—Mass.  
Christian Doctrine directly following Mass.

There will be confessions Friday, April 5, from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., mass at 6:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross following mass. There will also be confessions Saturday, April 6, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Beginning Sunday, April 7 through April 10, there will be a mission at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Father Hilary McGowan, S.P., will preach the mission. The mission will close on Wednesday with a mass at 7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Guild will meet Thursday evening, April 11, at 7:30 to 8 instead of Wednesday evening, due to the mission. It will visit the Raymond Parenteau greenhouse with Mrs. Parenteau as hostess. It will then go to the church parlors for a meeting. Mrs. Parenteau will speak on "Plants and Flowers for Spring and Summer" and will answer questions. Coffee will be served by Mrs. Stanley Wickey, chairman of the refreshments.

BERNARDSTON UNITARIAN  
REV. ROBERT S. SLATER, Minister  
MRS. THEODORE CRONYN, Organist  
MRS. HAZEL SCHAUFUS, Choir Director

Worship service with special Easter Sunday sermon and singing by the teenage and adult choirs, 11:15. This will be "Guest Sunday" with the general public especially welcome. Each regular attendant is asked to bring a friend.

School of religious education at 11:15 a.m. Mrs. Slater, superintendent. Classes for all ages from 3 to the teens. Worship service with story talk and teaching by girls from the Northfield School for Girls.

Young people of the church will meet at the Bernardston church for films on the two nearby Unitarian summer camps at Rowe and the Isles of Shoals, 7 p.m. Worship, recreation and refreshments will follow. All young people taking part in the Northfield Unitarian teen age variety show should be at the rehearsal Friday evening, April 26, at the Northfield church.

All adults are urged to attend the Connecticut Valley Conference of Unitarian churches to be held at the Greenfield church, starting at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, April 28. There will be a business meeting, workshops on religious education, youth advising, lay participation in church and general interest, dinner and a speaker.

The church will sponsor a public card party at the town hall Saturday night, April 13, at 8 p.m.

### UNITARIAN

REV. ROBERT S. SLATER, Minister  
MRS. FRANCIS REED, Organist and Choir Director

Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. A guest minister will conduct the service this Sunday. This Sunday will be "Guest Sunday" with the general public especially welcome. Each regular attendant is asked to bring a friend.

School of religious education at 11 a.m. Mrs. Kenneth Miller, supt. Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller, assistants. Worship service. Classes for all ages from three to the teens.

The young people of the church will meet at the church at 7 p.m. for a special discussion with the church parish committee. Worship and refreshments will follow. The choir will rehearse Monday evening at 7:30 at the church.

The Northfield Evening Alliance will meet Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. and the Afternoon Alliance will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The Laymen's League-Men's club will sponsor a public card party Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at the church.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Laymen's League-Men's club was held Tuesday evening preceded by a supper. Officers were elected as follows:

president, Francis Reed; vice president, Raymond Knapp; secretary-treasurer, Clarence Spaulding. The very delicious supper was served by the chairman, Carroll Miller, assisted by Kenneth Miller.

### TRINITARIAN

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister

Mrs. F. H. Mosse, Director of Christian Education  
IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir Director

Mrs. Belle C. Marden, Organist  
9:45 a.m. Church School. Adult Bible Class meeting in the north tower room.

9:45 a.m. Pastor's Class in Church Membership for the teen age meeting in the balcony worship room.

11:00 a.m. Public Worship. The fifth Sunday in Lent. Sermon subject, "Television's Toughest Question." Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

6:30 p.m. The Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. David Walker will lead devotions. Three foreign students from Mt. Hermon will be guests and will speak.

Father and Son night will be celebrated at the Brotherhood meeting on Wednesday. The supper to be served at 6:30, followed by three entertaining and exciting short movies: "Challenge on the Lake," "Showman Shooter" and "Look to the Sea."

The concluding Lenten Family potluck supper will be served in the vestry on Thursday at 6:30 by Mrs. Alvin H. Scott and her committee of Guild Women. Each family is to bring a hot meat or fish dish or a salad or a dessert. Program to follow will consist of church school children's work day projects exhibit, the showing of a colorful film strip on life in the Philippines, and singing by the youth choir.

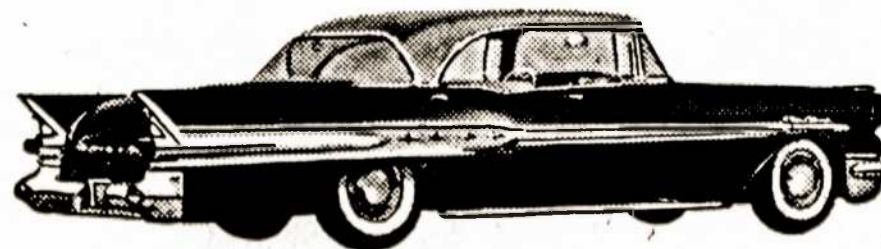
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## Welfare Department Lists Aid Grant

The highest level since May, 1955, was reached by Northfield welfare department grants last month. The figure rose from a 17-month high of \$5,972 to a two-year high of \$5,997. Caseload remained at 67.

Until last month, the caseload had not reached that figure since the prior high of May, 1955. Highest total on record is \$7,025, reached in May, 1954, when the caseload was 73.

Increased grants were made in the old age assistance and aid to dependent children categories last month, while the disbursements declined somewhat under disability assistance and general relief.

Comparison of grants and the unchanged caseload in each category follows: February and March in that order:

OAA, 57 cases, \$4,834, \$4,906; ADC, three cases, \$263, \$325; DVA, two cases, \$343, \$306, and GR, five cases, \$530, \$459.

## Sidetrack Talk On Taxes, Takings

Thirty-five voters at a 35-minute special town meeting at Warwick Monday evening passed over a request for discussion and action on outstanding taxes and tax takings.

"More investigation" was felt necessary before taking up the matter. It was also noted that Town Counsel Delbert A. Witty was unable to be present for discussion of the article. He was attending an adjourned town meeting in Orange, his home town.

A vote of 13 to 11 authorized selectmen to sell the old Cletrac, a heavy piece of town road and grading equipment. Selectmen plan to dispose of it at auction.

Improvement of the road to the town dump was voted and \$100 taken for the purpose, under the only other article. Moderator was J. Arthur Francis.

## Historical Sketch Of 'Old Northfield'

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of historical sketches of Northfield and nearby areas, which will appear as space permits in The Press.)

Before the exploration by white men, and the settlement of the town of Northfield, the territory was occupied by a tribe of Indians called the Squakheags, a name meaning "A spearing place for salmon."

Many evidences of this occupation have been discovered, proving that nearly every bluff along the river with an adjacent brook was the site of an Indian village. Among such sites the one west of Bernett's Meadow Bridge is noted as the home of King Philip from February to April, 1676.

Little is known of the antecedent history of this tribe, but it is known that they were attacked by the Mohawks in 1663, who in turn were unsuccessfully attacked by the Squakheags in 1669.

At about this time the white men appeared, and were welcomed as possible allies against the Mohawks. A sale of land was negotiated with the Indians, who probably failed to understand its full significance, and they continued to occupy villages on the land thus sold.

Relations with the white men were friendly except during periods of temporary hostility and when incited to war by the enemies of the English.

### The First Settlement

The first steps towards the settlement of Squakheag were taken in 1670. A party from Northampton, including Joseph Parsons, Sr., William Jones, George Alexander and Micah Mudge, examined the location and found the Indians anxious to sell. These men, with Caleb Pomeroy, made the purchase in 1671. The original purchase contained about 10,500 acres. The sum paid is unknown, but an additional payment was made in 1686, as the Indians were dissatisfied with the original price, and a clear and satisfactory title was given. A second purchase was made in 1673 on the west bank of the Connecticut, containing 3000 acres. These two tracts comprised the town during the first settlement.

First settlers arrived in the spring of 1673, and with them came Elder Janes. A religious service was held under an oak tree, standing until 1869. A stockade was built, houses were commenced, and crops planted. There were sixteen families and eighty to ninety persons in this group of settlers.

The site of this stockade and the location of the oak tree are properly marked. They are near the south end of Main Street.

The first settlement was short-lived. In 1675 the Indians became hostile, and after attacks on Brookfield in August, and on Deerfield in September, Northfield was ravaged and the settlers were compelled to abandon the territory.

The heroic efforts made by Captain Beers of Hadley to save Northfield from the savages were unavailing. An ambuscade threw his company into confusion and proved fatal to himself. The place of the battle on "Beers Plain" and the traditional grave of the leader are commemorated by suitable markers.

Additional forces from Hadley soon reached Northfield and guarded the remaining settlers to safety, and Northfield was abandoned.

(To be continued next week)

**BUY EASTER SEALS**

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## Bernardston School Lists Attendance

Perfect attendance at the Elementary school for March has been announced as follows:

Kinderergarten, James Barber, Gary Churchill, Andrew Haskell, Jeffrey Kenney, Lawrence Parker, Gerald Poirier, Kenneth Remillard, Edward Snow, Ronald Streeter, William Townsend, Gary Upham, Robert Watson, William Richardson, Diane Deanne, Donna Grover, Linda McCrea, Deborah Underwood, Cynthia Whitney and Romona Smith.

Grade 1, Alan Bunevick, Hugh Der, Allyn Hurlburt, James Lessard, Gregory Szulborski, Allan Tubbs, Ramond White, Deborah Benjamin, Susan Callahan, Joyce Davis, Kathleen Denison, Marsha Harris, Jane Newhall, Phoebe Nicholson and Karen Raymond.

Grade 2, Joan Chamberlin, Bonita Crosier, Mary Jane Drew, Barbara LaPlante, Penny Patch, Donna Read, Deborah Snow, Susan White, Sally Richardson, Peter Dyer, Richard Flagg, Daniel Gleason, Paul Grover, Robert Haskell, Glenn Hutchinson, Thomas Ireland, Bruce Porey, David Senior, Paul Skiathitis, Elmore Streeter, George Townsend and Lawrence Wood.

Grade 3, Richard Bliss, Scott Dunn, Gardner Fogg, Robert Greene, Jr., Vernon Hurlburt, Raymond Kocian, Frederick Parker, Jared Underwood, Walter White, Christopher Owen, Patricia Barrett, Kathryn Bassett, Sally Davis, Carol Deane, Marsha Denison, Jill Foster, Sandra Har-

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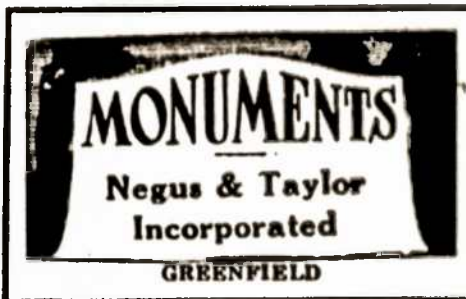
ris, Lorraine Harwood, Janet Page and Marie Streeter.

Grade 4, Barbara Amidon, Patricia Barber, Judy Coates, Sharon Der, Betty Field, Linda Harwood, Christine Holmes, Shirley Morgan, Donna Newhall, Priscilla Senior, Beverly Snow, Marcia Townsend, Linda Tubbs, Cheryl Whitney, Cynthia Whitney, Calvin Clark, Randall Cobb, Dennis Estabrook, Kenneth Flagg, Henry Franklin, Kenneth Kemp, Dale Merz, Cola Nelson, Robert Raymond, Peter Seamans and Donald Slocum.

Grade 5, Gladys Bardwell, Judith Davis, David Denison, Edwin Dyer, Warren Gibson, Marilyn Hale, Lillian Herrick, Donna Magoon, Stephen Petrin, Ruby Streeter, Larry Thurber and Joel Underwood.

Grade 6, Robert Bardwell, Gordon Fogg, Earl Freyenhagen, James Fowler, Philip Grover, Norman Herrick, Duane Page, Gloria Barrett, Calor Olsen, Marjorie Patch, Judith Townsend and Gail Whitney.

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## News Notes from Northfield Farms

Mrs. Laurence Hammond  
Correspondent  
Telephone 913

Mrs. Marion Adams has returned to her home after spending several weeks with friends in Florence.

Den 2 of the Cub Scouts will meet with their den mother, Mrs. Walter Clark, and Den 7 will meet with their den mother, Mrs. Bernard Hall, Tuesday, April 8, at 3:30 p.m. Den 7 will go a hike to gather twigs and boughs to make a miniature island. Their theme this month is the "Swiss Family Robinson."

Seth Parker will return Saturday to his studies at Deerfield academy after spending the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Parker of Beers Plain Rd.

Mrs. John Ferris has returned to Galveston, Texas, after a short visit with Mrs. Vera Ferris.

Mrs. Lawrence Hommand visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Brocklesby, and family in Huntington, Conn. Mrs. Florence Borthwick returned with her after spending several days there.

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## High School News Notes

Eunice Stafford, Reporting

Much interest is being shown by our many friends, our parents, the students and members of the glee club and band in our "spring concert" to be presented tonight (April 4) in the town hall at 8 p.m. The program is under the direction of Mrs. Esther Galbraith, music supervisor, and Eugene Gancarz, band director. Mrs. George Leonard will be the accompanist. The program will be interesting and varied and the band will open with two numbers, a march, "Vanguard," and an overture, "Neptune." The combined glee clubs of Northfield high school and Powers Institute will sing three numbers, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," "Green Grow the Lilacs," and "Coming through the Rye." David Amsden will be the soloist in the number, "Green Grow the Lilacs." The band will play two numbers, "You Tell Me Your Dream" and "Forward." Peggy Streeter will play a clarinet solo, "Spinning Wheel." The combined glee clubs will sing three numbers, "I'm a-Rollin'," "Serenade Medley" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" with six boys, James Franklin, Larry Tyler, David Billings, Robert Hafner, Tevlin Poneck and Russell Reed having a solo part.

This will be followed by "Song of the Rose" by the band and a novelty number, "Trombone Toggan." The program will close with the glee clubs and band combining in a medley from "Oklahoma" and a medley of "God Bless America" and "Your Land and My Land."

Students from grade 8 will act as ushers.

The following are members of the band:

Clarinet: Peggy Streeter, Beverly Phelps, Lois Heselton, Robert Duncan, Joan Streeter, Joyce Holloway, Brenda Billings, Peter Sargent, Nancy Schouler, Jon Green.

Saxophones: Dennis Lanphear, Michaelyn Caron.

Cornets: William Marcy, Gail Leonard, Raymond Barnes, James Browning, Judy Shippa, Raymond Wright.

Trombones: Homer Browning, Timothy Marcey, John Stacey, Henry Prescott, Paul Abbey.

Drums: David Billings, Ronald Jordan.

The following are members of the Powers Institute glee club: Soprano: Lee Ann Corkins, Audrey Smith, Judy Wilder, Cynthia Grover, Rebecca Jackson, Marianne Smith, Gladys Chamberlain, Martha Cobb, Cora Jane Hurlburt.

Tenor: James Franklin, Rodney Pillard, Bernard Fowler, William Pratt, David Streeter, Wayne Tyler.

Alto: Sandra Quinlan, Nancy Coates, Bonnie Cobb, Cynthia Berthiaume, Linda Streeter, Jane Pratt.

Bass: Russell Bardwell, Larry Tyler, Sherwood Lenois, Jerome Lessard, Irving Bassett, Rodney Chamberlin, Roger Raymond, Leonard Petrin.

The following are members of the Northfield high school glee club:

Sopranos: Beatrice Bassett, Lorraine Carter, Sandra Hale, Marlene Heidelman, Susan Hammond, Stephanie Horton, Carol Merrifield, Joan Merrifield, Jessie Mroczek, Bette Mann, Nancy Oakman, Marilyn Peryer, Elinor Powers, Marilyn Porter, Shirley Raymond, Shirley Smith, Jessie Skinner, Judy Shippa, Alice Williams, Betty Ware, Jessica Walker.

Altos: Rachel Browning, Delores Fuller, Dorothy Given, Lois Heselton, Betsey Glazier, Ella Glazier, Kay Lombard, Veronica Powers, Martha Parsons, Judie Rice, Peggy Streeter, Eunice Stafford, Sal-

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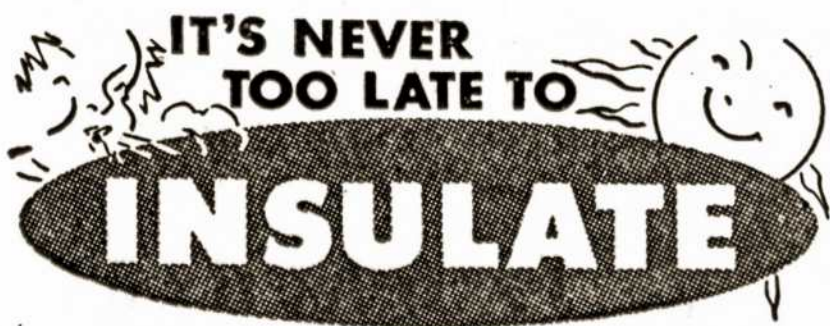
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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

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All reviews of the revival of the play, "Paint Your Wagon" at U. of M. stress the excellent acting done by a Northfield boy, Donald Hiller. He had the leading role of Ben Rumson, boss of a gold mining camp. One reviewer says, "Hiller strikes a memorable Lincoln-like figure in beard, 19th century mining garb, and a voice which at times equals any to be heard among student ranks." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller have returned home from a winter spent in Astabula, Fla.

Anna Slaght has left the Franklin County hospital and has gone

to Westfield sanatorium, Westfield.

David S. Powell, who recently moved to New Haven, is singing La Traviata with the New Haven Chorale April 30, accompanied by the New Haven Symphony. May 7 he is singing with the Telephone Glee club in a Jerome Kern program accompanied by the New Haven Pops orchestra.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert are leaving for Asheville, North Carolina, touring through Harrisburg, Pa.; Winchester, Lexington, Roanoke and Bristol, Virginia. In Asheville they will call on the Louis Smiths and Miss Anna Miller who lives with them, a former teacher at Mt. Hermon, who for many years made her home at the Valley Vista Inn. The Rikerts will spend two weeks visiting their daughters, Mrs. Claude Bittle (Camilla) at Durham, and Catharine, wife of Lt. Richard Kim at Fort Bragg. Each of the Rikert girls has three children. The trip planned will take about three weeks.

Mrs. Robert Barry leaves at the end of this week for visits in New Canaan and Fairfield, Conn.

Mrs. O. Briggs and Mrs. C. L. Allen have gone to Mexico on a trip. Since her retirement Mrs. Briggs has lived in the home of Mrs. L. L. Drury. Mrs. Allen is the hostess at the Faculty club.

Mrs. David Hammond attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the Quincy Visiting Nurses' association. A tea was held at the Quincy Women's club on March 27. Mrs. Hammond visited friends and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Morrell of West Newton.

Mrs. C. Malbon who has made her home at The Homestead, is in the Franklin County hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carr have returned from a long vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Barnes have returned from a month's stay in Florida.

Douglas Jones has arranged for an exhibit of paintings in the First National Bank of Athol. Among them is work done by his students in the Northfield School for Girls and four local people, Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Persons, Tevlin Poneck and Frank Rockwell.

On March 29 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Finch of Fitchburg; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Finch of Pine St., East Northfield.

Mrs. Bessie Symonds has returned to her home on Highland Avenue.

Barry A. Stompe of 134 Main St. has been chosen for membership in Sphinx, one of the three senior societies at Dartmouth college. Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stompe, he graduated from Scarsdale high school in New York. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Mrs. Mildred Nims and her sister, Miss Mabel Willey, returned from a winter spent in Mexico on Saturday.

The Bernardston minstrel show which was a great success Saturday evening, will be given this evening at Leeds hospital in Northampton. Three of the "pillars" of each year's performance are Northfield people, Dick and Elaine Williams and Bill Forrest.

At the beginning of this year the son-in-law of Dr. Wilson F. Dodd went to Iran as a point four worker. He flew out, and his wife, and two children went ahead by boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carpenter are in Puerto Rico. They say "the island is beautiful but we will take New England."

Jim Broadhead, head of the Cayuga Walters singing group at Cornell, has been invited with his group to sing in Carnegie Hall May 10 when ten other groups will be performing.

C. J. Broadhead was director of a select choir which presented a concert March 13 in the New Rochelle, N. Y., high school with Jan Pearce, soloist.

A son, David Kendrick, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton K. Finch at Fitchburg on March 29; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Finch of East Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. William Sinclair of Arlington; great-grandson of Mrs. William Sinclair, also of Arlington.

Mrs. Eliza Symonds has returned to her home on Glenwood Ave. from the Franklin County hospital and is being cared for by Mrs. Rose Heming.

The teachers of the Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' association wish to express their thanks to all the husbands, wives and friends who aided in making the annual scholarship supper a success.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Broadhead sail June 28 on the S. S. Statendam for England. They will drive to Llangollen, Wales, for the International Music Festival, which runs from July 9-14. Then they will visit Holland, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece and then go to the home of her sister, the wife of Lt. Col. L. F.

Colwell, in Izmir, Turkey. They expect to fly home the end of August stopping in Athens and Madrid.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin ("Bud") Dresser on March 31 in the Franklin County hospital.

Anyone wishing to help with the dance at Leeds Veterans hospital April 5, please contact Mrs. Lura Stone or Mrs. Pearl Allen.

Pvt. Glenn H. Stewart, 19, of Northfield Farms has completed six months volunteer active duty at Fort Dix, N. J., under the reserve forces act program.

Mrs. Fred Avery will entertain members of the Ladies' Benevolent society Wednesday evening at her home for the April meeting.

In a letter to Lewis Wood, postmaster at Mt. Hermon school, Todd Duncan says, "I think about 'The Hill' quite a lot and hope I'll soon be able to come back for a visit." He wears braces and is in a wheel chair.

Sherman Adams wrote a letter from the White House thanking the editor of The Hermonite, Lester White, for sending a copy of that publication which gave the results of the presidential poll.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Whitney have moved back to Northfield as he will be associated with his father in the George H. Sheldon, Inc. They have rented an apartment in the St. Clair house on Main St. A farewell dinner and part was tendered to him and

Mrs. Whitney. Other employees from Massachusetts and Connecticut were present at this affair at the Crane Inn in Dalton. A gift was presented by the company president, Max Carasso of New York City.

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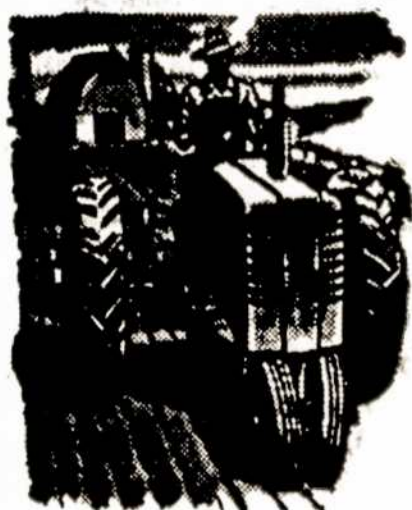
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Mrs. Henry Root was elected president of Cushman library trustees at the annual meeting Tuesday at the library in Bernardston.

Mrs. Raymond Dunnell is vice president; Miss Frieda Wiemers, secretary-librarian; John P. Morgan, treasurer, and Christian Eckhoff, Mrs. Harold Denison and Melvin Denison, directors.

The new book committee is: Mrs. Theodore Cronyn, Mrs. Henry Root, Mrs. Raymond Dunnell, Mrs. Lloyd Nicholson, Mrs. Richard C. Phelps, Hugh Hayden and Mrs. Florence Birks. Eckhoff was elected to serve on the Cushman Hall committee.

The annual banquet will be later this year at Goodale Memorial church with the following committee in charge of arrangements: Mrs. Raymond Dunnell, Arthur Ward and Mrs. Charles Page.

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## With Spring Blossoms, Birds Flock To Arcadia, Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary

Marjory Bartlett Sanger addressed the Garden club last week and part of the text of her speech is as follows:

By Marjory Bartlett Sanger

In the Golden Age of Greece "Arcadia" meant a land of pastoral peace and pleasure, with its special god Pan patron of nature and music. To Sir Philip Sydney it was an Elizabethan utopia. Today we have our Arcadia, too.

Situated in both Northampton and Easthampton, the line between them running through, and at the great curve of the Connecticut River Oxbow, Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary is a three-hundred-acre refuge of woodland, meadow, and marsh where wild creatures and vegetation abound free and unmolested. "Wood Duck" signs along Route 10 point the way to this outdoor museum.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy S. Combs, the land was operated as a private sanctuary as early as 1932. In 1944 the property was purchased by Professor and Mrs. Zechariah Chafee, Jr., and presented to the Massachusetts Audubon society in memory of their son, Robert Searle Chafee, who died at the age of twenty-six, having found in his brief life "happiness in watching birds and exploring the wild places where they live."

The Sanctuary's propitious site is at "the crossing of the Connecticut River by the long valley from New Haven northeastward, and the convergency of these two migration routes brings hordes of transients to a pause at Arcadia." So wrote Aaron Clark Bagg in 1938, and so it has proved to be. Over two hundred species have been recorded here. Wood Ducks and Black Ducks may be seen at all seasons, except when the marsh, "the heart of Arcadia," is

frozen. Migrating ducks come in with the first open water. In March the cattails resound with the call of the Red-wings. And swallows in summer slant in tremendous flocks over the Oxbow. Rails and both marsh wrens and the Northern Water-Thrush have nested at the marsh, with the Grasshopper Sparrow in a field nearby. And the Duck Hawk nests on the cliffs of Mt. Tom, to the southeast, where hawk migrations are regularly watched, and where against a soft blue sky a Turkey Vulture may soar lazily. Rareties that have been seen at Arcadia include the Snow Goose, Old-squaw, Black Tern, Bicknell's Thrush, and the James Bay Sharp-tailed Sparrow. The Sanctuary was the scene of early banding of Evening Grosbeaks, and has been the headquarters for the Connecticut Valley Evening Grosbeak Survey.

The woodlands of Arcadia are becoming a "museum forest" of value for study purposes, as well as for their majestic and moving beauty. Here the White-tailed Deer may be seen, and the Flying Squirrel. Here the dappled floor is bright with ferns, with trillium and jack-in-the-pulpit and pink moccasin. Cardinal flowers stand at the water's edge; purple-flowering raspberry and doll's eye dogwood bend along the trails. The Oriental chestnut, Chinese bushcherry, and Russian olive have been introduced at Arcadia, as have numerous hollies. The sanctuary director, skilled in plant propagation, has long been particularly concerned with wildlife food plants. Quantities of berry-bearing trees and shrubs and a hummingbird planting give evidence of his interest in planning a sanctuary with all natural forms in mind. Friends of Arcadia have donated wildflowers from time to time, and these are always welcome. The Katharine Woods Memorial, a fragrant garden around a naturalistic pool, with Mt. Tom as a background, brings many birds to the Sanctuary lawn.

The Norman Studio, just off the Cedar Trail, provides a quiet retreat for relaxation or creative work.

Smith college graduates may fondly recollect a bride path through the Sanctuary where once an old bridge carried trolley cars across Arcadia Marsh. This bridge, partially washed out in the 1938 hurricane, is now gone altogether. Not far from the tracks was a pine-shaded amusement area called Marshal's Grove, where, at the turn of the century, during the brief heyday of the trolley car, picnics and square dances were held.

But Arcadia is more than just a sanctuary. It is "the representation of the Massachusetts Audubon society and what it stands for to the general public in the Connecticut Valley." At the Sanctuary residence, there is an office, also a library and store and gathering place for all who come. Trail maps may be obtained at all seasons for exploring the woods and fields and wetlands.

The Barn provides a large meeting room and workshop. Barn Swallows fly in and out among the lofts and rafters, as do bats on summer evenings, and Cliff Swallows collect mud from the road to plaster their nests beneath the eaves on the wide white-washed clapboards.

It was in this Barn that the first Arcadia Nature Workshop was held in the summer of 1947. Year after year it has grown until now there are active day camps for boys and girls of the valley in full swing throughout July and August.

No notes about Arcadia could be complete without some mention of the Campout. On a week end

in the middle of May each year, bird lovers gather under the maples, and from Friday evening through Sunday all daylight hours are spent watching the warblers flash like jewels along Fern Trail, or seeking out the Duck Hawks and Worm-eating Warbler on Mount Tom, or Water-Thrushes at the Sunderland fish hatcheries. At dusk the flight song of the Woodcock falls across the Sanctuary fields. But the Campout is more than a listing of birds. It is the good fellowship and boundless satisfaction that comes from sharing with companions a love of the out-of-doors.

From the time when he first came in 1944 to assume its management, the spirit behind Arcadia has been Edwin A. Mason. And anyone who has met him knows that it is a unique spirit. At school in his native England, Mr. Mason specialized in the field of agriculture. In this country he spent fifteen years in charge of the Wharton Bird Banding Station at Groton. The combination of these pursuits, together with his interest in wildlife management and in young people, has fitted him well for his position as director of a sanctuary. Readers will remember his many stimulating articles on plants and plantings, the feeding of wild birds, and "Management on the Home Sanctuary," as well as vivid sketches of Arcadia. His wife, Mina, a hostess of great charm, and two nature-loving daughters, Sylvia and Patsy, complete the Mason family.

Much of Arcadia still lies ahead. Plans have already been drawn for a trailside museum and assembly hall, a laboratory and workshop. Additional land has recently been acquired; more may come. Perhaps one day a dam will be built to stabilize the water level in the marsh for the protection of waterfowl. These are dreams now, to be sure, but it was just such dreams that made this "land of pastoral peace and pleasure" the reality that the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary is today.

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Meetings on "Summer Fun" are planned for early this summer with meetings scheduled at Greenfield, June 18; Orange, June 19; Charlemont, June 20; Northfield, June 25, and South Deerfield, June 26.

## VFW Elects Officers

Officers elected by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for this year are Alden Edson, commander; Edmund Brassor, senior vice commander; Roger Holton, junior vice commander; Harry Holloway, quartermaster; Edward Hurley, service officer; Donald Huber, Edward Hurley and Mark Wright, trustees.

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### Elected President

Joseph Bilmon, Northfield's tree warden, was recently elected president of the Western Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Moth Superintendents' association at an annual meeting held at the University of Massachusetts.

Other officers are: Francis Holmes, research professor at U. of M., vice president; Gordon King, professor of arboriculture at U. of M., secretary-treasurer; Lyman Klalber of Montague, Seth W. Swift of West Springfield, Henry Mathieu of Easthampton, Fletcher Prouty of Springfield and Lyle Lathrop of Pittsfield, directors.

The association is comprised of members from 61 towns in the four western counties.

### Cooperation Asked By Town Selectmen

Selectmen have requested all persons using the town dump at the foot of Parker Avenue to throw rubbish over the bank, rather than leave it on the upper level. Through cooperation of us-

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### A Capella Choir Recital Tonight

The 40-voice a Capella choir of Providence-Barrington Bible college under direction of Warren E. Adams will present a concert of sacred music at the Northfield town hall tonight (April 5) at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free and everyone is invited. It is being sponsored by the Northfield Baptist church and will be a special pleasure to all who like sacred music. The director, Warren Adams, almost became a businessman instead of a musician. After graduating from high school in his native Reamstown, Pa., he enrolled in business school. During military service in World War II, he began to put to work his musical ability and many years of training in piano and organ. Acting as chaplain's assistant, he played the organ, sang and led the singing in servicemen's meetings while he was overseas.

In 1947, Adams entered the music course at Providence-Barrington, from which he was graduated three years later. In 1953, he received his B. Mus. degree from Westminster Choir college in Princeton, N. J.

ers, the maintenance cost may be kept to a minimum, the board stated. A part-time town employee is hired to maintain the dump. Gilbert Hammond was reappointed animal inspector at the selectmen's meeting Monday.

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### SOUTH VERNON NEWS NOTES

The first and second degrees were conferred on four candidates at the recent meeting of Vernon Grange.

Miss Joan Cote was master for the first degree and Mrs. Marjorie Unaitis for the second.

The third and fourth degrees will be conferred April 10 following supper at 6:30. The third degree will be inspected by Deputy Ralph Peno of Brattleboro.

Members of the Stateline Fellowship and other men interested will meet with church men in North Springfield, Vt., Saturday at 5:45 p.m. Anyone wishing transportation may call Warren Brown or S. R. Kendall.

The program and executive committees met Monday at the Vernon Home to make plans for the April 10 meeting, when John Randall will show slides and tell of his experiences with the Seabees in the Antarctic. Supper will be served at 6:30.

Mrs. George Corliss has received word of the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. Erald Foster, of Burlington, Vt. He died Monday of a heart attack.

Henry Lawson of Agawam was a Saturday guest of his mother, Mrs. Cynthia Lawson.

Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Spaulding of North Scituate are spending a few days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruce, and children.

Mrs. Gertrude McIver has received word that her husband, Sgt. Ralph McIver, has arrived in Paris, France.

### Notes from Center School

Miss Althea Thompson, music consultant for the American Book company, visited some classes with Mrs. Gabraith, music supervisor, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ruby North has been substituting for Mrs. Sylvia Cook who has been ill this week.

**Perfect attendance for March**  
Grade 1, Mrs. Bolton: Joan Bartus, Carol Bolton, Cheryl Dunne, Sheila Gamache, Kathleen Huber, Susan Cchryba, Nancy Stratton, Marie Wickey, Kathryn Wood, William Huntoon, John Putala, Derrell Stratford, Gregory Williams.

Grade 1, Mrs. Holt: Caryn Black, Geraldine Fritz, Leslie Ann Gibson, Constance Kazanowski, Carolyn Stange, Craig Amsden, Jerald Clough, Louis Davis, Dale Delano, Thomas Jones, Lawrence Randall, Richard Schepp.

Sherry Silver has moved to Montague.

Grade 2, Haack: Rachel Black, Janice Clough, Kathleen Griffin, Mary Hatheway, Charlotte Hensel, Marlene Leach, Diane Livernoise, Karen Livingstone, Alice Lord, Linda Randall, Fred Arsenault, John Dale, Joel Fowler, Michael Hanrahan, Peter Holloway, Elbert McCassie, Brian Rice, David Rockwell, Edmund Ross.

Grades 2 and 3, Mrs. Cook: David Brasser, Mark Clark, Arthur Knapp, Robert Walker, Joel Wheeler, Kelvin Young, Joseph Bartus, Thomas Forrest, Thomas Henderson, James Schryba, Jane Sanderson, Carolyn Gibson, Mar-

garet Gonyer, Linda Holloway, Pauline Wood.

Grade 4, Mrs. Kozlowski: Sally Atwood, Victoria Gonyer, Jo-Anne Klowan, Kathleen Livingstone, Linda Merrifield, Linda Scott, Diane Walker, Ethel Walker, Linda Wood, William Forrest, Keith Hall, John Hensel, Delbert Ingram, Norman Phelps, Robert Schouler, Gary Clark.

Grade 5: James Anderson, David Dale, David Holton, Howard Maynard, Christopher Sheldon, Charles Tower, Raymond Waterman, Virginia Beaman, Marcia Eastman, Elizabeth Matosky, Judith Stafford, Paula Smith.

Grade 6: Benjamin Archambeau, Paul Abbey, Thomas Carey, Harry Gonyer, Frederick Holton, William Judd, Ronald Kimball, Richard Knapp, Gerry LaBelle, Duncan Person, Peter Sargent, Betty Aldrich, Clemma Black, Michaelyn Caron, Gretchen Hammond, Carol Lombard, Judith Parsons, Kathleen Powers, Nancy Schouler, Joyce Smith.

Grades 3 and 4, Mrs. Sheldon: Alane Black, Judith Bistrek, Katherine Knapp, Margaret Chula, Susan McColister, Linda Parsons, Angela Randall, Kathleen Walbridge, Richard Hanrahan, Robert Huber, Barry Walker, Joseph Hensel, Dennis Holloway, John Mroczek.

Monitors for week of April 1-5, Mrs. Sheldon's grades 3 and 4: mornig exercises, Margaret Chula; story teller, Alane Black; window shades, Judy Bistrek; blackboards, Katherine Knapp; bulletin boards, Frederick Given; library shelves, Sally Farrar; boys' closet, Richard Griffin; girls' closet, Susan Leonard.

Grade six pupils have planted some seeds in containers in their classroom with the hopes of transplanting them to their home gardens.

The sixth grade baseball captains are Douglas Walker and Richard Powers.

Ronald Blake of grade 2 has been transferred to a school in Hinsdale, where he moved on Wednesday.

### Streams Stocked

The Northfield Fish and Game association are making plans for stocking local streams and ponds with trout before the opening of the fishing season on April 20.

As for several years past Wanamaker Pond and Luckey Clapp's pond will be restricted to fishing by children.

The association is continuing its membership drive until the annual banquet to be held on May 18.

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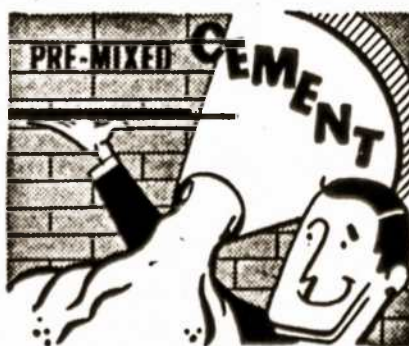
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## Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

Spring is definitely in the air! Tulips are springing up, pansies bravely showing their dark green leaves through their winter coverings, and crocuses in bloom.

Last week, at the library, the fragrance of spring was really in the air as everyone enjoyed the fragrant pink and blue hyacinths brought in by Irving J. Lawrence. Also on display was a lovely pink and white petunia brought in by Mr. Lawrence; red geraniums and coleus plants raised from seed by Mrs. Carolyn Parenteau; pink and white begonias and an African violet by Mrs. Edith Aldrich.

We are continuing this exhibit this week and anyone wishing to display an unusual plant or house plant in bloom, will be welcome to bring it in for the exhibit, whether a Garden club member or not. Please contact Mrs. Phelps by phone. Call 455.

Along with the flowers, you will find books and magazines on all kinds of subjects pertaining to plants, trees, shrubs, wild flowers and birds. These books, owned by the Northfield Garden club, are in circulation at your library.

Mrs. Parenteau, president of the Garden club, has brought in leaflets telling the story of "The Dutch Elm Disease," which has taken such a terrific toll of our beautiful shade trees here in Northfield and elsewhere in New England. These are free and should interest every one who has

shade trees.

Other leaflets for distribution are also on the table.

One is on "Arcadia in the Connecticut River Valley," the wildlife sanctuary situated in Northampton and Easthampton. Originally the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Combs, the land for this project was purchased in 1944 by Professor and Mrs. Zechariah Chafee, Jr., and presented to the Massachusetts Audubon society in memory of their son, Robert Searle Chafee, who died at the age of 26, having found in his brief life "happiness in watching birds and exploring the wild places where they live."

Another, called "Arnoldia," tells of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University. "Invite your bird neighbors to dinner," by Edwin A. Mason, a twelve page pamphlet, has many interesting and helpful ideas on "what to feed" and "how to feed" your bird neighbors. There are illustrations for types of feeders for different birds. This one may be borrowed on the same basis as books, as we have only one.

Next week we will have a list of the new books which are being processed for circulation.

## High School Notes

*Continued from Page Four*

All of the schools involved appreciated the interest shown by the public.

We are proud to say that Northfield high has won its share of trophies over these years.

The senior class has been busy for the past several weeks on its culture course in English. This course consists of studies of the types of architecture, well-known painters and paintings, the great religions of the world, music and musicians and sculpture.

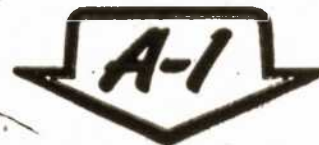
Such a course involves much research and work on the part of the seniors, but is an invaluable aid to them when they make their trip to Washington. They realize that even the brief coverage of these topics in their English class gives them a greater appreciation of their Washington trip and our beautiful national capital.

Next week we will give you a few outstanding points of the senior Washington trip which starts a week from tomorrow morning.

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